FISCAL MEMORANDUM HB 403 – SB 938

April 20, 2007

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006664): Deletes all language of the original bill. Defines a "school resource officer" (SRO) as a law enforcement officer certified by the peace officers standards and training (POST) commission and who has been assigned to a school by a memorandum of understanding between the chief of a law enforcement agency and the LEA; requires SROs to participate in 40 hours of basic training in school policing within 12 months of assignment to a school and a minimum of 16 hours of school police training every year thereafter.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - \$170,100

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumption applied to amendment:

 According to the Department of Education the requirement that a school resource officer (SRO) receive a minimum of 40 hours of training in school policing would be moved back one year to allow local governments to redirect funds to pay for school police training which is currently being used for other training purposes.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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